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**UNIFICATION OF GERMANY**

The Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS), published concurrently with this revision, includes the German Democratic Republic (GDR) and the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) as separate country units. Although the movement to unify Germany commenced during the development of the ASCCSS, the ABS could not anticipate the outcome, and in particular the timing of unification, at the time the classification was ready for printing.

The unification process is now complete and Germany became officially one country from the 3rd of October 1990. At that time the German Democratic Republic ceased to exist as a separate country, becoming part of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The unification of Germany necessitates a number of amendments to the ASCCSS. The amendments comprise Revision 1.01 of the classification and have been made using the methods outlined on pages 5 and 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

The third level country unit 2304, German Democratic Republic, is deleted from the Minor Group 23, Western Europe. The GDR is now included as part of the country unit 2305, Federal Republic of Germany. The code 2304 will not be re-allocated to any other country unit.

The revised structure of Minor Group 23, Western Europe, is as follows:

**23 Western Europe**

2301	Austria
2302	Belgium
2303	France
2305	Germany, Federal Republic of
2306	Liechtenstein
2307	Luxembourg
2308	Monaco
2309	Netherlands
2310	Switzerland

As outlined on page 8 of the Explanatory Notes, the ASCCSS classification units have been assigned the 3-digit numeric country codes of the International Organization for Standardisation (ISO), to facilitate input processing of statistical collections. The FRG will retain the ISO code 280. The ISO code of the defunct country unit the GDR, 278, is no longer used.

These changes will also affect the alphabetical and numerical coding indexes included in the classification document. All index entries previously coded to the GDR (ASCCSS code 2304 and ISO code 278) are now coded to the FRG (ASCCSS code 2305 and ISO code 280).

A specification of the amendments comprising Revision 1.01 is attached.

All of these amendments have been incorporated into Version 1.01 of the ASCCSS on floppy disk (ABS Catalogue No. 1270.0).

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## ASCCSS REVISION 1.01

### AMENDMENTS RESULTING FROM THE UNIFICATION OF GERMANY

#### PART 1: EXPLANATORY NOTES

The number of third level country units, stated on pages 4 and 5, has been revised from 247 to 246 including 3 residual categories.

#### PART 2: THE CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE

Delete country unit 2304 German Democratic Republic from Minor Group 23, Western Europe, on page 25.

#### PART 3: CODING INDEXES

##### Coding Index: Alphabetical Order

The following index entries previously coded to the German Democratic Republic (ASCCSS code 2304 and ISO code 278) are now coded to the Federal Republic of Germany (ASCCSS code 2305 and ISO code 280).

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69	Frankfurt an der Oder
69	GDR
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69	German Democratic Republic
69	Germany, Democratic Republic of
70	Halle
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## PART 3: CODING INDEXES - Cont'd

### Coding Index: Numerical Order

The following index entries previously coded to the German Democratic Republic (ASCCSS code 2304 and ISO code 278) are now coded to the Federal Republic of Germany (ASCCSS code 2305 and ISO code 280).

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100	GDR
100	Gera
100	German Democratic Republic
100	Germany, Democratic Republic of
100	Halle
100	Karl-Marx-Stadt
100	Leipzig
100	Magdeburg
100	Mecklenburg
100	Neubrandenburg
100	Potsdam
100	Rostock
100	Saxe-Altenburg
100	Saxe-Coburg-Gotha
100	Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach
100	Saxecoburg-Gotha
100	Saxemeiningen
100	Saxony
100	Saxony-Anhalt
100	Saxe-Meiningen
100	Schwerin
100	Suhl
100	Thuringia
100	Thurlingia

## PART 4: APPENDICES

### Appendix I: Link Between ASCCSS and ISO Codes

Delete the German Democratic Republic (ASCCSS code 2304 and ISO code 278) from page 124.

### Appendix II: Link Between ISO and ASCCSS Codes

Delete the German Democratic Republic (ISO code 278 and ASCCSS code 2304) from page 132.

**PART 4: APPENDICES - Cont'd****Appendix IV: Short Names For Publication**

Delete the country name German Democratic Republic and its short name alternative East Germany from page 143.

Change the short name alternative of the Federal Republic of Germany from West Germany to Germany on page 143.